

# **Australian Outback Systems**

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#### **CSIRO**

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation

CSIRO is Australia's national science organisation and largest scientific enterprise

CSIRO has over 5,000 staff located across 56 sites throughout Australia and overseas

CSIRO total revenue is around \$1 billion annually and comes from the Federal Government and external sources



#### **CSIRO Energy Centre**

Provides a focal point in Australia for energy research

The building showcases the work of Energy Technology and demonstrates:

- sustainable energy generation initiatives
- practical examples of building energy demand reduction
- environmentally conscious, realistic energy supply options.

Home to National Solar Energy Centre (NSEC) which houses a 500kW heliostat array

Has substantial on-site generation

- microturbines
- wind turbines
- photovoltaics
- energy storage

Based in Newcastle, Australia

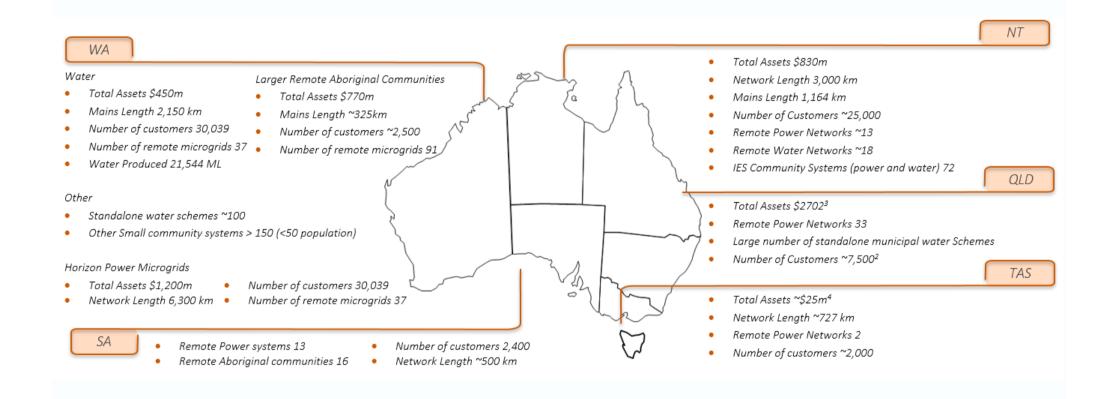




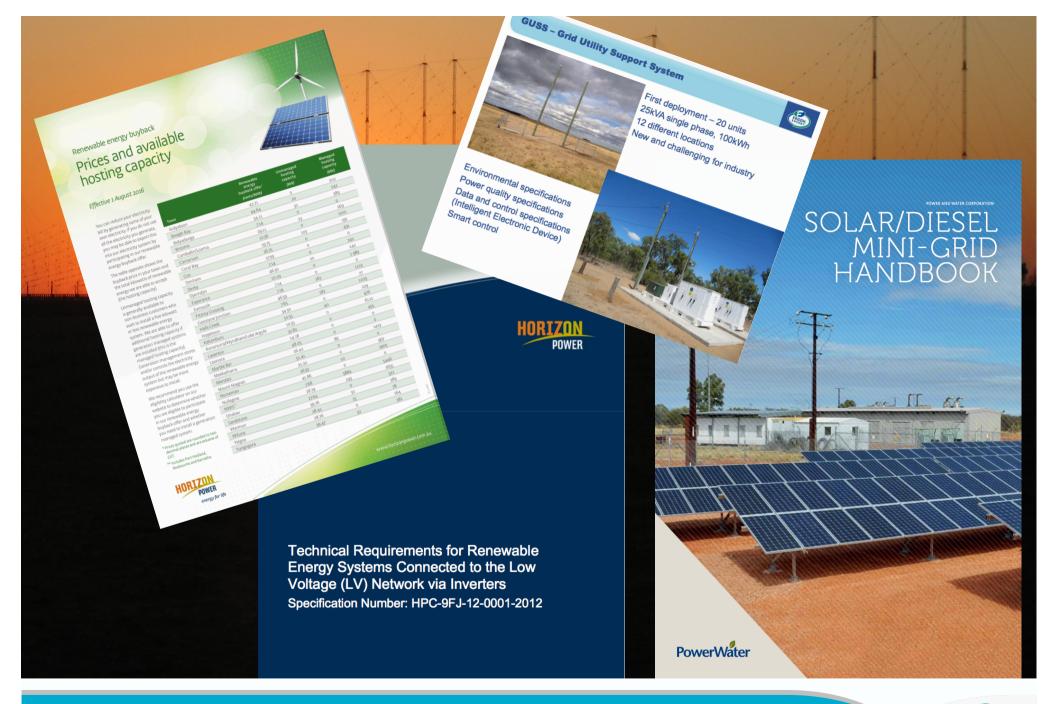
#### **Newcastle - Where is that?**



### **Australian Microgrids**



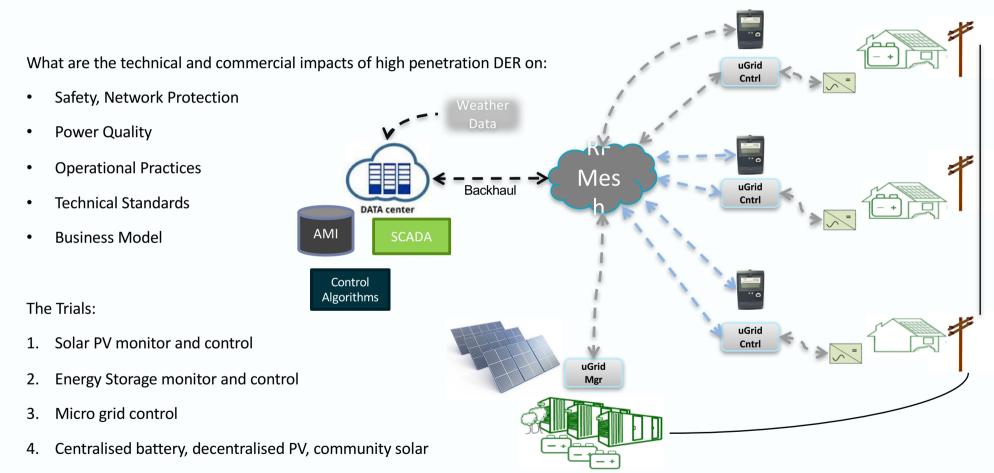






# Microgrid Operating Platform Development: Carnarvon Trials

Maximising Renewable Energy Penetration through visibility and control





### Plug and Play Solar Project

- Plug and Play Solar A three-year project implementing CSIRO operation, planning and renewable grid integration optimisation techniques in order to increase grid flexibility and intelligence
- Continues and consolidates findings from the CSIRO Report Solar Intermittency – Australia's Clean Energy Challenge (2012)

 Immediate focus on isolated "town size" grids – specifically supporting solar displacement of diesel in remote area power systems

Partners: NREL, ABB Australia, CSIRO and ARENA



Timescale of Intermittency	Potential Power System Impact
Seconds	Power quality (e.g. voltage flicker)
Minutes	Regulation reserves
Minutes to hours	Load following
Hours to days	Unit commitment

Market dynamics

Unique

Network subject to Australian usage, weather and environmental conditions\*

Low levels of interconnection

High impedance network compared with Europe

Low average population density

Areas of high population density

Australia

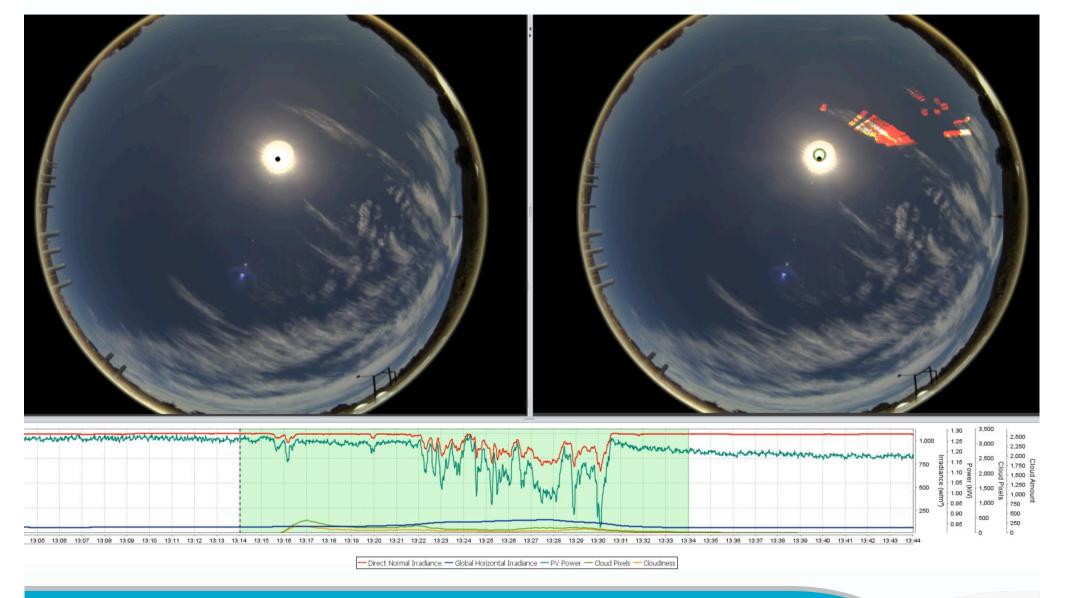
Large number of long 'skinny' feeders'

\*Australian load profiles and environmental conditions such as fire and flood

http://www.csiro.au/science/Solar-Intermittency-Report

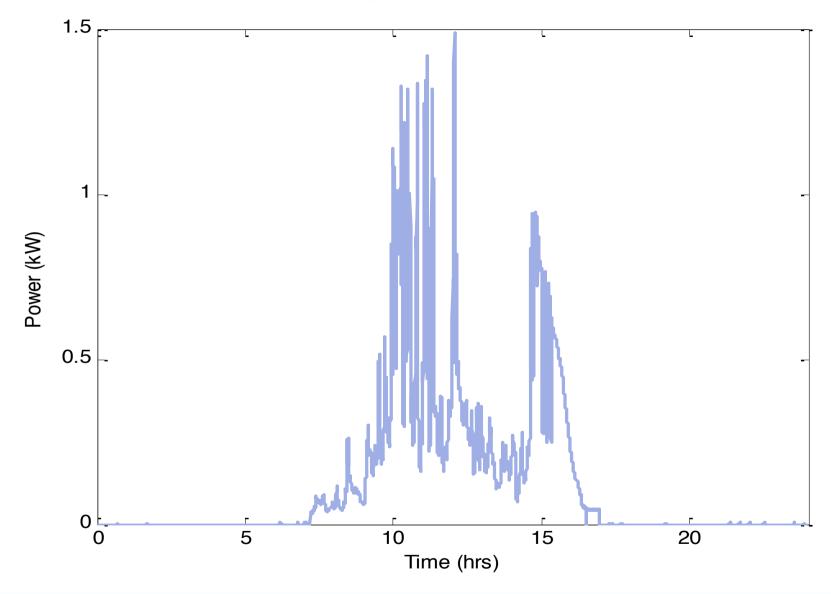


## **Integrating Solar Forecasts**



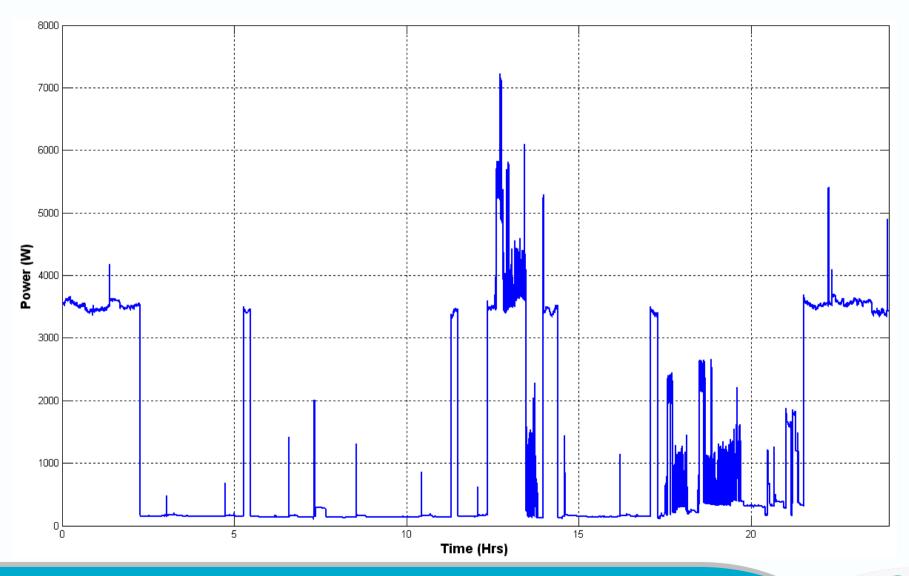


# **Solar intermittency**



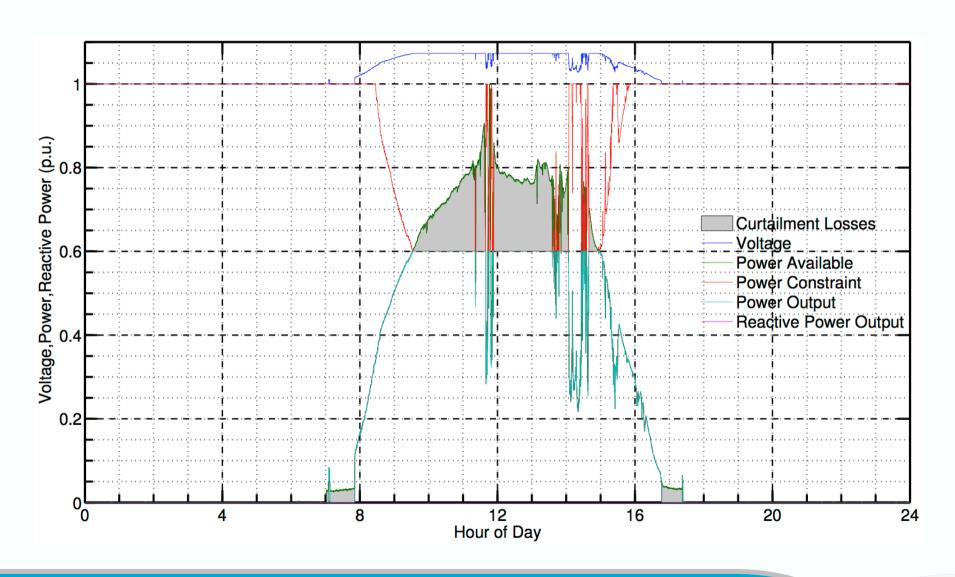


# **Load intermittency**





# **Power Quality management**





## **Evolving Standards - Demand Response**

Mode	Requirement
DRM 0	Operate the disconnect device
DRM 1	Do not consume power
DRM 2	Do not consume more than 50% of rated power
DRM 3	Source VARs AND do not consume more than 75% of rated power
DRM 4	Increase power consumption (subject to other constraints)
DRM 5	Do not generate power
DRM 6	Do not generate more than 50% of rated power
DRM 7	Sink VARs AND do not generate more than 75% of rated power
DRM 8	Increase power generation (subject to other constraints)



# Thank you

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